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EXTREMELY HIGH IMPACT!!

Freeway sign repairs on Interstate 90 in Downtown Spokane next week

Beginning on Monday, September 30, crews will be replacing a sign bridge structure spanning I-90 in downtown Spokane near Deaconess Hospital as well as a sign near the eastbound I-90 Division Street off-ramp. This will require several major lane restrictions through the downtown section of I-90. During this work, motorists can expect intermittent lane restrictions, delays, and congestion on both eastbound and westbound I-90, as well as the on and off-ramps. To accomplish this work, both daytime and nighttime lane restrictions will be used. Work is expected to be complete by Friday evening, October 4.

The first sign will be located immediately adjacent to Deaconess Hospital and will cross the full width of the freeway. The original structure, erected in 1968, had developed a crack and was removed last year due to safety concerns. The second structure is located above the eastbound Division Street off-ramp. This structure is showing signs of age and is being replaced as a precaution.

The specific schedule is as follows, however, it may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as weather or equipment breakdowns.

Monday, September 30, 2002- Removal of existing sign bases near Deaconess Hospital
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The westbound right (outside) lane will be closed. **The westbound Lincoln Street off-ramp will be closed.** The westbound Division Street on-ramp will remain open. This work phase should be complete by about 10:30 a.m. with all ramps and lanes open.

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The eastbound right (outside) lane will be closed. **The eastbound Monroe Street on-ramp will be closed.** The eastbound Division Street off-ramp will be open. The eastbound Walnut Street on-ramp and the eastbound Division Street on-ramp will remain open. This work should be done around 12:30 p.m. with all ramps and lanes open.

Tuesday, October 1, 2002- Installation of new sign bases near Deaconess Hospital
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The westbound right (outside) lane will be closed. **The westbound Lincoln Street off-ramp will be closed.** The westbound Division Street off ramp and on-ramp will remain open. This work phase should be complete by about 10:30 a.m. with all ramps and lanes open.

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Tuesday, October 1, 2002 Continued

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The eastbound right (outside) lane will be closed. **The eastbound Monroe Street on-ramp will be closed.** The eastbound Division Street off-ramp will be open. The eastbound Walnut Street on-ramp and the eastbound Division Street on-ramp will remain open. This work should be done around 12:30 p.m. with all ramps and lanes open.

Tuesday evening, October 1, 2002 (into early Wednesday morning)- Preparation of new full-width sign structure near Deaconess Hospital.

6:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

The westbound and eastbound left two lanes (inside and center lanes) will be closed to traffic. This will reduce I-90 through traffic to one lane in each direction. All on and off-ramps will remain open however, motorists should be extremely alert for entering and exiting traffic.

Early Wednesday morning, October 2, 2002- Placement of new full-width sign structure near Deaconess Hospital.

2:30 a.m. to 5:30 a.m.

EXTREMELY HIGH IMPACT!! Eastbound and westbound Interstate 90 will be completely closed to all through traffic beginning at 2:30 a.m. The eastbound Walnut and Monroe on ramps will be closed. The westbound Division Street on-ramp will be closed. This full closure is estimated to be in effect **for about 15 minutes**, but no longer than 60 minutes. Motorists are advised that they may use eastbound Third Avenue or westbound Second Avenue as an alternate route between the Maple/Walnut interchange and the Division Street Interchange. Traffic on southbound Browne Street (US 395) that needs to access westbound I-90 may use westbound Second Avenue to the Monroe or Maple Street on-ramps. After the sign structure is placed and traffic resumes, it still may take some time to clear the equipment from the inside freeway lanes so some lane restrictions will remain in place. All lanes and ramps will be re-opened by 5:30am.

Wednesday evening, October 2, 2002 (into early Thursday morning)- Replacement of the Division Street off-ramp sign.

6:30 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

The eastbound Division Street off-ramp will be closed. Motorists should use the Maple Street off ramp as an alternate route. All other on/off ramps will be open.

Friday, October 4, 2002 (If Needed)- Final electrical work

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If final electrical work on westbound I-90 is needed, the westbound right lane and the westbound Lincoln Street off-ramp may be closed for a portion of this period. The westbound Division Street on-ramp will remain open. If additional eastbound work is needed, then the eastbound right lane and the eastbound Monroe Street on-ramp will be closed. The eastbound Walnut Street on-ramp and the eastbound Division Street on-ramp will remain open. This work should be done no later than 3:30 p.m.

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